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                       IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                     FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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    UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel.
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    MARY HENDOW and JULIA ALBERTSON,
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                                               2:03-cv-0457-GEB-DAD
                    Plaintiffs,
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               V.
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    UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX,
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                    Defendant.
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The parties filed a joint motion for a sealing order on September 15, 2009, in which they "request the opportunity to address the current Scheduling Order with the Court," and state "[t]he reasons supporting the request are set forth in detail in the accompanying Joint Motion to Address Scheduling Order ('Joint Motion'), which is being hand-delivered for in camera review . . . " (Mot. 2:2-4.) The referenced in camera review documents were submitted to chambers September 16, 2009. The parties state "[i]f the Court is not inclined to file the Joint Motion under seal, [which is submitted for in camera review,] then the parties respectfully request that all documents be returned without being placed in the public record." (Mot. 2:9-11.) Further, the parties state in their September 15 filing that good

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cause justifies granting their request for secret filings.

The parties, however, have not shown a secret filing or proceeding is necessary. Cf. Citizens First Nat. Bank of Princeton v. <u>Cincinnati Ins. Co.</u>, 178 F.3d 943, 945 (7th Cir. 1999) ("The judge is the primary representative of the public interest in the judicial process and is duty-bound therefore to review any request to seal the record (or part of it), " for the purpose of determining whether secrecy is required.). Therefore, the Clerk of the Court shall return the documents submitted for in camera review to Defendant's counsel.

Dated: September 18, 2009

GARIAND BURRELL, JR. United States District Judge